

## First 2016 *Music Under the Star* to feature The Midnight Stroll

Walker Lukens opener for July 8 free outdoor concert

June 29, 2016 (AUSTIN, TX) — The <u>Bullock Texas State History Museum</u> will kick off its first <u>Music Under the Star</u> free outdoor live music concert of the season on Friday, July 8, featuring The Midnight Stroll and opener Walker Lukens. The family friendly concerts will be held July 8, 15 and 22 on the Lone Star Plaza of the Bullock Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave., with music beginning at 6 p.m. and free parking on-site after 5 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring camp chairs or blankets, and food and beverages will be for sale at the concerts.

Kicking off the July 8 show will be <u>The Midnight Stroll</u> with a brand new sound. With charismatic former Ghostland Observatory frontman Aaron Behrens on vocals, and Jonas Wilson (previously from Lomita and White White Lights) on guitar, the band will entertain with its signature blend of classic rock, acoustic rhythms and folksy blues.

Known for his powerful vocals, Behrens departs from Ghostland Observatory's bold and brash electronic vibe and brings his voice to a new form of musical expression. Writing, recording and rehearsing with a crack team of Austin musicians, Behrens has crafted material that blends elements of soulful rock and heartfelt blues into a refreshing sound. The Midnight Stroll recently

released the single *Losing My Mind* off their first full length album, *Heartbreak Bugaloo*.

Opening for The Midnight Stroll will be singer/songwriter Walker Lukens, whose soulful, emotive tenor and alt-pop songwriting has been compared to Harry Nilsson, Tom Waits and Pavement. After fronting other bands, the Austin-based Lukens released the Year of the Dog EP and the full length, Devoted in 2013, receiving praise from outlets like NPR, American Songwriter, Austin-American Statesman,



The Midnight Stroll (above) with opener Walker Lukens will perform Friday, July 8, 2016 at the Bullock Museum's outdoor concert series, *Music Under the Star.* Details at TheStoryofTexas.com.

## Austin Chronicle, Houston Chronicle, and Billboard.

On July 15, the *Music Under the Star* concert series continues with Grammy Award winners <u>Los Texmaniacs</u> with special guest "Living Legend" Flaco Jiménez. An enchanting combination of Tex Mex conjunto, Texas rock, and a touch of well-cured blues and R&B riffs, best describes the Texmaniacs groove.

Known for their energetic live shows and anthemic, dynamic, indie rock sound, Austin's own <u>Quiet Company</u> will highlight the final concert July 22. Opening for Quiet Company is one of Austin's most exciting new acts, Riders Against the Storm, an award-winning musical movement in Austin that can only be described as historic. For details and concert updates, visit TheStoryofTexas.com, or follow @BullockMuseum on Facebook and Twitter.

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The Bullock Texas State History Museum includes three floors of exhibitions, IMAX<sup>®</sup> and 4D special-effects theaters, a café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and host exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. For more, visit <u>TheStoryofTexas.com</u> or call (512) 936-8746.

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